

**The School Board of Broward County, Florida**  
**Central Area Advisory Council –Virtual via TEAMS**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, February 16, 2022 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**  
**Agenda**

*Chair – Dee Defoe*  
*Recording Secretary – Brie-Anne Pendlebury*

*Vice Chair – Pamela Taylor*  
*Corresponding Secretary – Dania Previl*

**Meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.**

**Call to order**

Update/Welcome:

- Sign-up to receive emails @ Centralareaadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com
- General Email: CentralAreaAdvisoryCouncil@ch2v.com
- Chair email: CAAC.chair@gmail.com
- Meeting Etiquette (raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged)
- Minutes will be approved at next face to face meeting

**Speakers**

**Kimberly Young – Kimberly Young, School Climate & Discipline Instructional Facilitator**  
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Internet Safety for Students:

Cyber communities for students are primarily Snap Chat, Instagram, Tik Tok, and Discord for students. The internet and social media usage via mobile devices has increased daily, impacting the dangers of cyberbullying, identity theft, and sexting.

Tik Tok:

Tik Tok is a social media platform for creating, sharing, and discovering short music videos. Concerns include dangerous challenges, security concerns, and stranger danger. Parents can: switch to a private account, opt out of personalized data, change safety settings to “friends,” and enable restricted mode.

Instagram:

Instagram is a free photo and video sharing app. Concerns include overexposure, cyberbullying, addiction to social networks, and depression. Parents can: keep the profile private, share the right kinds of photos, teach them about the dangers.

Snapchat:

Snapchat is a camera app that is connected to your friends and the world. You can talk, play, learn and send short videos and photos. Concerns include a false sense of security, it is no longer your data, cyberbullying, and online predators. Parents can: only add or accept requests from people you know, block strangers who try to contact you, talk to your child about the importance of sending appropriate data, keep their location private, and make sure that they do not give out personal information.

#### You Tube:

You Tube online-platform where anyone can upload and watch video content. Concerns include inappropriate content is easy to access, You Tube suggests related content, users can privately contact your child, challenge videos can go to far, sharing videos risks your child's privacy. Parents can: apply restricted mode, change who can see videos, block concerning users, customize their experience, and create a family google account.

#### Roblox:

Roblox is an interactive social platform for play. Concerns include chatting and friend requests, online payments, and Roblox Studio. Parents can: un-list social media accounts, check shared information, restrict payment methods, disable the in-game chat.

#### Zoom:

Zoom is a video conferencing, phone, and chat app. Concerns include overexposure and zoom hijacking. Parents can: have a session administrator, keep conference codes private, mute microphones and have cameras off unless necessary, and set up the zoom account in your own name.

#### Netflix:

Netflix is one of the world's leading online streaming services, providing unlimited access to a huge selection of TV shows and films. Concerns include inappropriate content, risk of hacking, binge watching, and screen addiction. Parents can: create a Netflix Kids experience profile, set maturity ratings and block content, and have an open and honest conversation.

#### Among Us:

Among Us is a space themed social deduction game where 4-10 players take the guise of crewmates, who must complete tasks around their spaceship, while randomly selected imposters must try their best to sabotage the others' efforts. The imposters have to remain undetected through rounds of voting to win. Concerns include inappropriate chat, mild violence, risk of hacking, use of external apps, and in game purchases. Parents can: play with your children, use private lobbies, deactivate credit cards, use an alias, and talk about the risks.

#### Discord:

Discord is a communication app that is a hybrid between a chat room and a Skype. Concerns include risk of dangerous materials, difficult to moderate, makes it easy for predators to contact children, makes cyberbullying easier. Parents can: keep kids out until age 13, discuss how to behave on the internet, talk about your family standards and expectations, and teach your teen to be suspicious of unsolicited invites.

#### Minecraft:

Minecraft can be a gateway into the world of learning and exploration which encourages players to use their imagination to build three-dimensional worlds with virtual building blocks. Concerns include open to hacking, contact with strangers, addictive nature, scary characters for younger

gamers. Parents can: block strangers and unwanted contact, learn from You Tubers/Switch streamers, play in creative or peaceful modes, create a private server, and learn to play yourself.

Fortnite:

Fortnite online multiplayer battle royale game and is playable on Playstation, Xbox, Switch, PC, and mobiles. Concerns include battle royale, addictive, free to play...or is it, and violent. Parents can: buy with v bucks, no gaming with strangers, and limit time.

Calculator Vault:

Secret calculator apps allow the user to hide apps, photos, video, or other media. The icon looks like a calculator. If someone is using this, they are hiding something. There are 100s of them. Concerns include overexposure, sexual harassment, and online predators. Parents can: ask your child why they need to use the app, the password for the app needs to be shared, teach them about the dangers, discourage using this type of app.

Seven Steps to Good Digital Parenting:

1. Talk with your kids
2. Educate yourself
3. Use parental controls
4. Set ground rules and enforce consequences
5. Friend and follow but don't stalk
6. Explore, share, and celebrate
7. Be a good digital role model

**Dr. Nathalie Lynch-Walsh**– *Facilities Task Force*

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ADA access issues (Pompano Beach High) with schools with elevators that are not certified and cannot be used. Dr. Lynch-Walsh is asking for anyone with knowledge of elevators not in use or missing/non-working door activators please contact her so they can be placed in the priority list. (4001.1 Non-discrimination Policy)

Stranahan High cafeteria is being replaced using a design at another location. There may be issues with a difference in size available.

Bezos Academy: 3 elementary schools are possible locations; Bennett, Thurgood Marshall, Seagull. This is a Montessori program to be discussed at the next board meeting. The Bezos Academy is building a network of tuition-free, Montessori-inspired preschools in underserved communities.

Next facilities meeting is: March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Plantation High School Media Center @ 7PM

**John Sullivan**- *Director of Legislative Affairs*

The Legislature held its fifth week of session, February 7-11, 2022. The House Appropriations Committee voted on the House Budget, which includes the “Putting Parents First Adjustment” penalizing 12 districts that adopted mask mandates by cutting their budget by \$200 million (\$32 penalty for Broward) and targeting the salaries of non-school based district administrators within those districts. Funds would be taken from those districts, then distributed to the 55 districts as an award for not requiring masks.

Updates are available: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/35493>

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Panel Discussion will be held on 2/24 beginning at 6:30 pm. The topic is Infusing Black Literature and Art in Family Time: A Virtual & In-Person Panel Discussion.

**Old Business:** Updates

**Debbie Espinoza** – *District Advisory President*  
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***Dr. Leo Nesmith, Task Assigned Chief Safety & Security Officer & Chief Craig Kowalski, Chief Special Investigative Unit*** – Wandering of Students & other safety concerns

The topic of metal detectors was first initiated after the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The metal detectors utilized by the District is a handheld wand that will be used at school sporting events and other school activities. Across the country there has been an uptick in weapons being brought onto school campuses. Any time this occurs, parents will be notified. In order to address this increasing concern, the use of handheld wand style metal detectors will be implemented after security staff and administrators have been properly trained.

The wands will be used for randomized screening and as needed for possible threats. Randomized approach ensures that rights are preserved. Inception and scope are the parameters. Randomizing eliminates issues with profiling and bias. This policy was approved under the emergency rule but will return for one workshop and final adoption. Secondary schools are the focus, however, elementary is not excluded.

Both Dr. Nesmith and Chief Kolwalski are willing to come speak at all area meetings upon request and will return to the DAC on March 9th. The DAC sub-committee will be headed by Salif Dabo.

***Mary Mulder, Director Food and Nutrition Services*** – Free and Reduced Lunch

Message sent to families has been updated to reflect importance for Title I services. Menus are planned with dieticians in coordination with the National Food Program guidelines. There is no outward identifier for free, reduced or full pay lunches. Status is completely confidential. Applications

increased from about 300 to 1900 with the message change. They will repeat weekly on Fridays through the application deadline. Annually, the department holds student food shows where students are bussed in to sample and vote on menu items. This was placed on hold during COVID but will resume next school year. Currently, there are also 119 schools that are part of the supper program for students enrolled in afterschool camps/programs.

### **Open Discussion:**

**Mr. Rodriguez-** *Assistant Principal, Ft. Lauderdale High*  
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Hero System App available on your cell phone: tracks tardies and issues relative cumulative consequences. It can also be used for positive behavior reinforcement across teachers on a student's schedule.

Please share your best practices at your school. We would like to highlight a great idea monthly. Please email your entry.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

- DAC General Meeting on March 9th, 2022 at 6:30-8:30 PM; Location TBA  
website: [Browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com](http://Browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com)
- Central Advisory March 16th, 2022 at 9:45 AM; Location TBA

**Adjourned: 7:50 P.M.**